

Application No.: 10/630,931
Art Unit: 3673

Attorney Docket No. 20279.04
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REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicant has amended the specification and abstract. Claims 19-23 remain in the present application.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner indicated that prosecution on the merits of the present application is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle* Action, 1935 C.D. 11,435 O.G. 213. Claims 19-23 were allowed.

The Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matter is noted with appreciation. In this regard, Applicant has amended the specification at page 1 to provide the patented status of the prior applications. Pages 14 and 15 have been amended to reflect the apertures, as recited in Claim 21, and to capitalize the trademark name Lycra®. In addition, the Abstract of the Disclosure, at page 21, has been amended to describe the instantly claimed invention. No new matter has been introduced by the present revisions to the disclosure.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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